

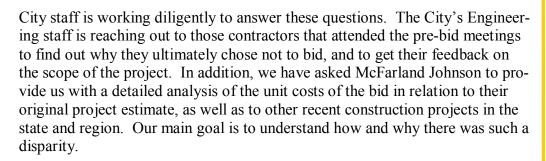
City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

January 31, 2014

MAIN STREET PROJECT UPDATE

The City has had an unexpected setback in selecting a contractor for the Main Street Project. Based on the number of contractors in attendance at the pre-bid meetings, we had anticipated receiving more than one bid for the project. Unfortunately, however, we received only one single bid and it was significantly over the estimate our consulting engineers, McFarland Johnson, had developed for the project.

The questions you have are probably the same as ours. First, why aren't more contractors bidding? Second, why is there such a disparity in costs between the project estimate and the contractor's bid?



City staff will continue to be in close collaboration with our federal counterparts at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to discuss possible alternatives. It is important to note that we have received no indication from FHWA that our grant is in jeopardy.

The details of the analysis will be reviewed and possible alternatives will be discussed with City Council at the February 10th City Council Meeting.

SOUTH COMMERCIAL STREET SOIL STOCKPILES

The contractor made excellent progress this week in relocating the soil stockpiles on South Commercial Street to the Allied Leather Tannery site, where it will be used as backfill. Weather permitting, removal of the piles should be completed during the week of February 10th.



DURGIN BLOCK PARKING GARAGE LEASE SPACES

There are currently 15 uncovered parking spaces available for immediate lease in the Durgin Block Parking Garage. The lease rate is \$1,044 per space, per year. Interested parties should contact Matt Walsh at 225-8570 or via e-mail at mwalsh@concordnh.gov for more information.

SATURDAY IS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY!



Saturday, February 1st, is Take Your Child to the Library Day. This national campaign encourages families to discover and enjoy all the things libraries have to offer. There will be a special Family Storytime with crafts at 10:30 AM, and a scavenger hunt all day.

YOUTH SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION FAIR

The Parks & Recreation Department will hold a Youth Spring Sports League Registration Fair on Saturday, February 8th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Heights Community Center (former Dame School). All of Concord's youth spring sports leagues will be in attendance under one roof. Come ask questions and sign your child up for a league.